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At Column 7, line 55, replace "cam means disposed on and integral with said bushing." with --(d) cam means disposed on and integral with said bushing.--. Evidence for this change is seen in the claims as originally filed in addition to the prosecution throughout the application.

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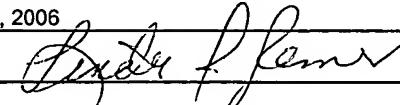
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